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The Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E. Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

In connection with the work in an advanced research seminar in international law, we would like to locate if possible a collection of the foreign statutes on peace-time espionage.

This seminar is under the supervision of Professor Willard B. Cowles, former Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States and lately Deputy Legal Adviser of the Department of State for Secretary Dulles. It is a prime purpose of this seminar, from year to year, to publish the results of its research efforts in the form of a law review article so that the work will be generally available. It seems clear that, say, Americans abroad may not legally be held in foreign countries for espionage for doing any act whatsoever which a foreign government might, at its pleasure, choose to call espionage. The seminar is seeking to determine what standard, if any, appears to have been applied by nations generally.

We ~~of non-wartime espionage~~ are not concerned with the punishment of spies in wartime. Our researches up to now have been hard going because we have been unable to procure foreign espionage statutes.

If you do not know of any such collection of foreign statutes on peacetime espionage, we shall be most grateful for any copies of laws, citations thereto, or decisions to which you may refer us.

Sincerely yours,

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